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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: FUTURE ATHENS AIRPORT

REF: A) ATHENS 9065; B) ATHENS 9588

1. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER GEORGE VOYATZIS STATED DECEMBER 12 THAT THE FINDINGS OF THE CONSORTIUM OF AEROPORT DE PARIS, FLUGHAFEN FRANKFURT MAIN, AND LOCAL CONSULTING FIRM, COMMISSIONED IN OCTOBER 1975 TO SURVEY THE PAHI, MEGARA SITE, MILITATE AGAINST BUILDING THE FUTURE ATHENS AIRPORT THERE, AS SITE DOES NOT MEET TRAFFIC AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS WOULD BE TOO HIGH. ASIDE FROM THESE DRAWBACKS, THE PAHI AIRPORT WOULD HAVE LIMITED CAPACITY AND A SECOND AIRPORT WOULD BE REQUIRED BY 1990 TO HANDLE PROJECTED TRAFFIC

2. MINISTER VOYATZIS ADDED THAT THE GOG HAS DECIDED AGAIN TO COMMISSION SPECIALIZED FOREIGN CONSULTING FIRMS, COOPERATING WITH GREEK CONSULTANTS, TO CONDUCT A SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE BEST SITE FOR BUILDING THE NEW ATHENS AIRPORT. SITE SELECTION WILL PRINCIPALLY BE BASED ON (A) INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION STANDARDS, (B) LEAST DISAGREEABLE EFFECTS ON NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES, AND (C) LOWEST SOCIAL COST. THE SITE SELECTION
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SURVEY WILL BE EXAMINED WP CONJUNCTION WITH THE REPORT ON THE

ATHENS AIRPORT PROBLEM BEING PREPARED BY THE TECHNICAL
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